

A devoted family man, Mr. Sauer has been married to his wife Kathleen for 51 years. The couple has three children and five grandchildren.

I want to thank Mr. Sauer for his contributions to the people of Cedar County. His initiative and compassionate concern for others is an example to us all that we should always be willing to contribute, no matter what our age.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN HONOR OF DON LAUER

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today with pride to remark on the extraordinary public service career of Dr. Donald Lauer. For over twenty-five years, Dr. Lauer has played a key leadership role at the Earth Research Observation Systems, EROS, Data Center near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and for over a decade has served as Chief at EROS.

Under the jurisdiction of the United States Geological Survey, the EROS Data Center holds one of the world's largest collections of images of the earth's land surface. These incredibly valuable images are managed and distributed by EROS personnel to scientists, policy makers and educators worldwide. The data is used to study a wide range of natural hazards, global environmental change and economic and conservation issues.

EROS is also now home to the United Nations Environmental Programme's, UNEP, Division of Environmental Information, Assessment and Early Warning office in North America. South Dakotans are proud to host this important United Nations office within our state.

The great success of EROS is due in significant portion to the outstanding leadership provided over the years by Dr. Lauer. His scientific, and management skills have proven invaluable as the role of EROS has expanded and become ever more complex. He has played a key role in facilitating a recent multimillion dollar transfer of NASA earth images to the UNEP, and their placement at EROS.

Beyond all this, Dr. Lauer has also provided important leadership for the Sioux Falls community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Sioux Valley Hospital, and has had a career long interest in the health and education of his fellow citizens.

I am pleased that Dr. Lauer will remain with the United States Geological Survey as an Emeritus Scientist, and that he plans to continue his residence in Sioux Falls. His vision and commitment to science will continue to well serve the people of the United States and of the world.

Dr. Lauer's life and career serve as models for public servants throughout

our nation. I take this opportunity to thank him for all he has accomplished at EROS, and wish him well on all his future challenges and opportunities.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:17 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Rota, one of its clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1836) entitled "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002."

At 10:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 146. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1092(b) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), the Minority leader appoints the following individual to the Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry: R. Thomas Buffenbarger of Brookeville, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions pursuant to the order of May 26, 2001:

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Finance pursuant to the order of May 26, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Peter F. Allgeier, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Linnet F. Deily, of California, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOL-

LINGS, Mr. SPECTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 979. A bill to amend United States trade laws to address more effectively import crises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 980. A bill to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 981. A bill to provide emergency assistance for families receiving assistance under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act and low-income working families; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 530

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 530, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for producing electricity from wind.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by victims of the Nazi regime or their heirs or estates, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 756, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for electricity produced from biomass, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SPECTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 979. A bill to amend United States trade laws to address more effectively import crises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce bipartisan legislation known as the Fair Trade Law Reform Act of 2001 with my colleagues Senators ROCKEFELLER, BYRD, HOLLINGS, SPECTER, and MIKULSKI. This legislation will change for the better the way we trade with our global trading partners.

We talked a lot about trade in the last Congress. We voted to extend Permanent Normal Trade Relations status to China. We debated and passed the Africa Growth and Opportunities Act. Now, we have a new administration